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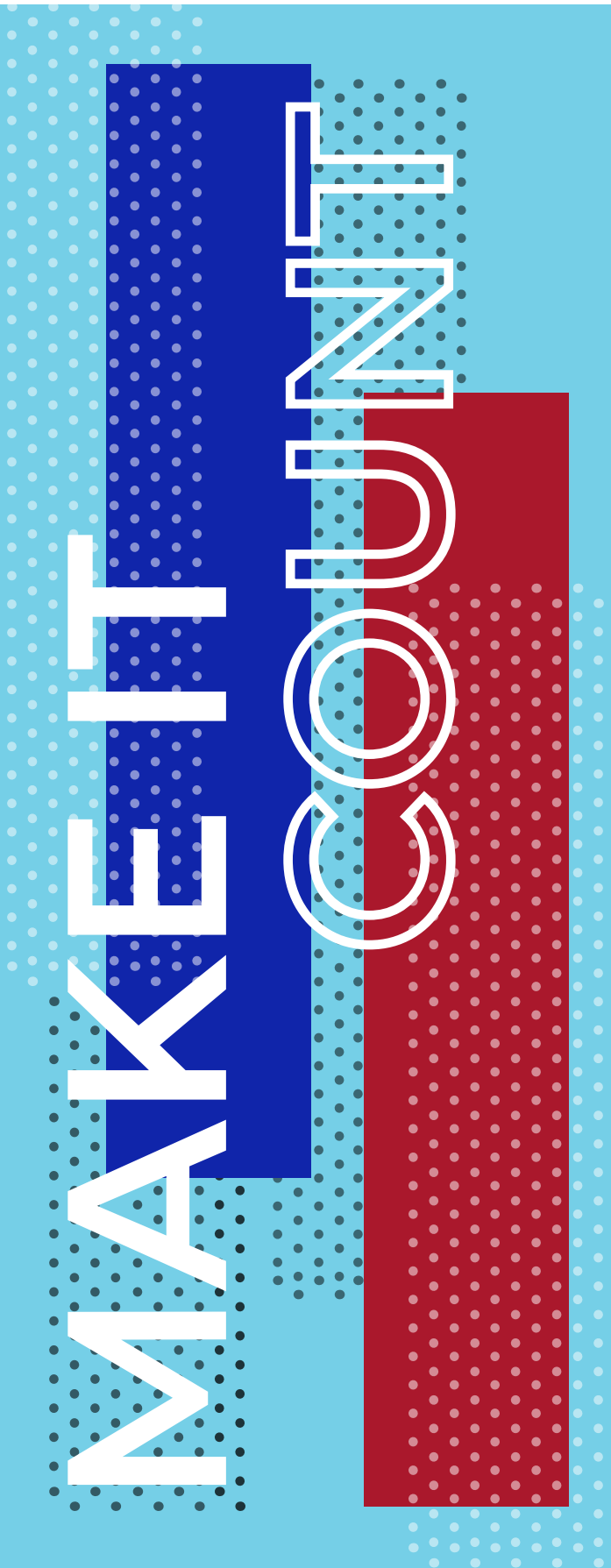

Village of Morton Grove

2020 CENSUS

A Correct Census Helps Our Community

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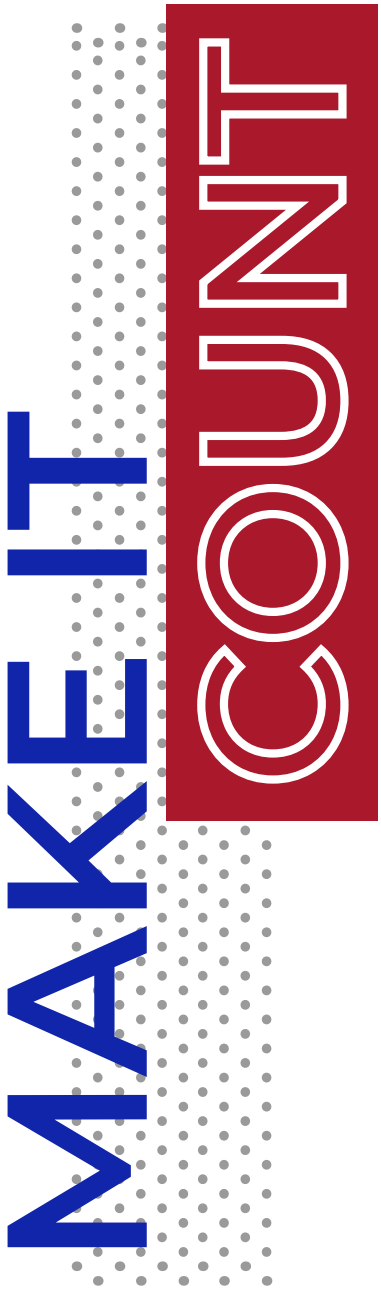

April 1 is Census Day! Filling out the Census is very important for bringing federal funding to the Library and our community. In Cook County, the Census appropriates billions of dollars of necessary funding for Medicare & Medicaid, student loans, highway construction, and so many more state services that affect everyone.

Starting on March 12, official Census postcards will be sent to your home inviting you to fill out your Census form online. It is easy to fill it out and only takes about 10 minutes.

Visit **mgpl.org/census** or stop by the Info Desk to learn about how the Census is used and what it helps fund. Then pick up your Census game card and receive an awesome prize when you complete it.

EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

Explaining the Census
Friday, Mar. 13, 12-1 pm
Theresa Le from the Census Bureau discusses how the Census works and answers your questions. Refreshments provided.

Census Storytime: Everybody Counts!
Ages 2-6 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, Mar. 26, 10-11 am
Learn about the 2020 Census with stories, songs, and numbers galore. No matter how big or how small, everybody counts.

Census Corner
Thursday, Mar. 26, 10 am - 12 pm
Saturday, Mar. 28, 11 am - 1 pm
Wednesday, Apr. 1, 9 am - 8 pm
Friday, Apr. 3, 1-3 pm
Use a Library computer in the Quiet Reading Room to complete your Census form while enjoying coffee and snacks. Assistance will be provided as needed. Don't forget your free Census button!

COMING TOGETHER:
JOURNEYS TO NILES TOWNSHIP

Talk to any person in Niles Township and they'll have a story for how they or their family got here. Some are stories of recent immigration, others of being transported to these lands against their will. Still others are stories of fleeing oppression or relocating in search of greater prosperity. Our origin stories are as central to who we are as the cultures we are a part of and celebrate. For the past decade, Coming Together has explored some of the cultures present in our community. **This year, we will explore something we all have in common: the stories of our journeys to Niles Township.**

MGPL EVENTS

Saturday, Feb. 1

2 pm: Family Journeys Storytime Family

Wednesday, Feb. 5

7 pm: Mother-Daughter Book Club discussion: *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang Grades 3-5 **R**

Wednesday, Feb. 12

7 pm: Mother-Daughter Book Club discussion: *Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Warga Grades 5-7 **R**

7:30 pm: LitLounge book discussion: *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei

Saturday, Feb. 15

2 pm: Creative Writing Crew: Journeys Grades 3-6 **R**

Tuesday, Feb. 18

7 pm: Guys Read discussion: *Finding Langston* by Lesa Cline-Ransome Grades 4-6 **R**

Thursday, Feb. 20

10 am: Between the Lines book discussion: *American Like Me* by America Ferrera

Tuesday, Feb. 25

7 pm: Between the Lines book discussion: *American Like Me* by America Ferrera

Sunday, Mar. 8, 2 pm

Storytelling @ MGPL:
80 Minutes Around the World

Nestor "The Boss" Gomez leads a storytelling journey through his childhood in Guatemala, his undocumented journey to the United States, and several experiences as an immigrant living in Chicago.

Visit **ComingTogether.in** for more information on featured books and events.

Introducing **VOX Books**

SARAH MITCHELL-MACE

I'm excited to announce the newest addition to the Youth Services Picture Book collection: **VOX Books**, which combine print and audio into one reading experience. VOX Books are essentially picture books you can look at and listen to at the same time. They can be enjoyed by adults and children together, ESL readers, early readers, or children who want to hear the same story multiple times!

Attached inside the cover of each book is a VOX Reader. You can listen to the story through the speaker in the VOX Reader, which is great for sharing a story out loud. Or you can plug your own headphones in and listen alone, making them perfect for car journeys or quiet time. Children can follow the story and turn the page when they hear the special "turn page" signal. Simple volume control buttons and a "Play/Pause" button make the books easy to use.

When you check out one of our VOX books, the battery will be fully charged, and we'll recharge it when it's returned so it's ready for the next reader. Each fully charged book will last for over 100 listens before it needs recharging, so you're unlikely to need to charge it at home. But since each book has a universal mini USB port, you can charge it at home with a common 5V charger—no data or Wi-Fi needed.

You can see the titles we have by searching VOX Books in the online catalog or by visiting the Youth Services Desk. We'd be happy to show you where they are in the Youth Services Interactive Books collection and suggest our favorite titles.

Sarah Mitchell-Mace is a Youth Services Librarian.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

REGISTRATION begins January 15 for February programs and February 15 for March programs unless otherwise noted. Drop-in programs are limited to room capacity.

We strive to make all our programs inclusive of all abilities. To that end, we have noise-canceling headphones and fidgets available in the program room. If there is a way we can accommodate your child's needs, please let us know.

Let's Get Physical
Ages 2-6
Saturday, Feb. 1, 10:30-11 am
Work on your agility, balance, and motor skills through dance and gymnastics with My Gym Children's Fitness Center of Skokie. **R**

Family Journeys Storytime
Family
Saturday, Feb. 1, 2-3 pm
This storytime explores the journeys that brought families to Morton Grove and the surrounding areas.

Monday Morning Playgroup
Age 0-5 with a parent/caregiver
Mondays, 10-11:30 am
Tired of those boring old toys at home? Drop in and meet new friends for play and fun.

Family Dance Party
Children of all ages with a parent/caregiver
Sundays, Feb. 9 and Mar. 8, 3-4 pm
An active class featuring music, dancing, musical instruments, and more. **R**

Yoga Kids Storytime
Ages 3-7
Saturdays, Feb. 15 and Mar. 14, 10-10:45 am
Practice breathing, relaxation, and simple yoga poses that encourage mindfulness in this librarian-lead storytime that combines yoga and books. Participants are encouraged to bring their own yoga mat.

Mathematics Tea Party
Ages 3-5 with a parent/caregiver
Sundays, Feb. 23 and Mar. 22, 2-3 pm
You are cordially invited to this tea party where we wear big hats, drink pretend tea, and make math welcoming for all. **R**

Movin' & Groovin'
Ages 2-6 with a parent/caregiver
Wednesday, Feb. 26, 10-10:45 am
Wiggle, jiggle, and jump around to some of our favorite children's tunes. Scarves, shakers, and other musical instruments provided.

Block Party
Ages 1-5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, Feb. 27, 10-11 am
Enjoy stories and constructive fun with blocks of all sorts: wooden blocks, soft blocks, DUPLO blocks, and other building toys and materials.

Census Storytime: Everybody Counts!
Ages 2-6 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, Mar. 26, 10-11 am
Learn about the 2020 Census with stories, songs, and numbers galore. No matter how big or how small, everybody counts.

Storytimes

All storytime participants should be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Due to the room capacity of 35, attendance at drop-in storytimes is limited.

Bedtime Stories & More
Family
Mondays, 7-7:30 pm
Feb. 3 and Mar. 2

Listen Up!
Birth through Kindergarten
Tuesdays, 10-10:45 am or 11:15 am - 12 pm

Toddler Time
Ages 24-36 months
Wednesdays, 10-10:45 am
Feb. 5-19 and Mar. 4-18

Preschool Storytime
Ages 3-6
Thursdays, 10-10:45 am
Feb. 6-20 and Mar. 5-19

Wee Read
Ages 0-24 Months
Fridays, 9:30-10:30 am or 11 am - 12 pm

Family Storytime
Family
Sundays, 3-3:45 pm
Feb. 2 and Mar. 1

KIDS

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Drop-In Craft: Make Your Own Valentines

Family

Feb. 1 through Feb. 14, 9 am - 5 pm

Have a special someone you want to make a card for? Visit the Youth Services department between February 1 and 14 to create Valentine's Day cards. Make as many as you like!

PLEASE NOTE:

Youth Services events are designed and presented for kids from birth to grade 8. For more events for grades 7-8, see page 10.

The Fantastic Foam Science Show

Family

Saturday, Feb. 29, 2-3 pm

Experience hair-raising fun with electricity, liquids under pressure, light refraction, dry ice and foam, and so much more during this science extravaganza.

Due to the popularity of this program and limited space, please do not bring strollers into the Library for this event. The Library is not responsible for unattended belongings.

Looking for something to do during Spring Break?

Check out these programs during the week of March 23.

Monday, Mar. 23
10 am: Monday Morning Playgroup, Family
2 pm: Spring Break Movie: *Storm Boy*, Family
4 pm: Yarn Gang, Grades 1-8

Tuesday, Mar. 24
10 or 11:15 am: Listen Up, Birth to Kindergarten
2 pm: Spring Break Movie: *The Angry Birds Movie 2,* Family
4:30 pm: Kubb!, Grades K-8

Wednesday, Mar. 25
10 am: Drop In & Create, All Ages
2 pm: Spring Break Movie: *Playing With Fire*, Family
4:30 pm: K-2 Craftsters, Grades K-2 **R**
6 pm: Books & Beyond, Grades 6-8 **R**

Thursday, Mar. 26
10 am: Census Storytime: Everybody Counts!, Ages 2-6 with a parent/caregiver
2 pm: Spring Break Movie: *Dora and the Lost City of Gold*, Family
7 pm: Chess Academy, Grades 1-8

Friday, Mar. 27
9:30 or 11 am: Wee Read, Ages 0-24 months with a parent/caregiver
2 pm: Spring Break Movie: *Frozen II*, Family
4:30 pm: Art Adventure, Grades 3-8

Saturday, Mar. 28
2 pm: Creative Writing Crew, Grades 3-6 **R**

For more information, see pages 5-8.

Yarn Gang
Grades 1-8
Mondays, 4-5 pm
Learn to knit or crochet at this drop-in class. No experience needed.

Mad Math Society
Grades 3-6
Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm
Feb. 4: Fibonacci Numbers
Mar. 3: The Abacus
We are out to prove that math is secretly awesome through brain-bending fun and activities. **R**

Anime Club
Grades 6-9
Thursdays, Feb. 6 and Mar. 5, 7-8 pm
A fun-filled hour of authentic Japanese snacks, shows, and all things anime. Bring your art and your appetite for anime.

Drama Club
Grades 1-8
Fridays, Feb. 7 and Mar. 6, 4:30-5:30 pm
Bring out your inner drama queen or king and get creative with acting, improv, and theater games.

Crafty Saturday
Family
Saturdays, Feb. 8 and Mar. 14, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Make a seasonal craft while supplies last.

Fun-tastic Fitness
Ages 5-8
Saturday, Feb. 8, 10-10:45 am
Warm up in the Library with some fun indoor movement activities and games. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle. **R**

Om My! Yoga
Grades 2-8
Saturdays, Feb. 8 and Mar. 14, 11-11:45 am
Expert yoga teacher Emily Mayfield teaches kids how to stay focused, de-stress, and create inner peace through yoga. Participants are encouraged to bring their own yoga mat.

Family Engineering Night
All Ages
Thursdays, 7-8:15 pm
Feb. 13: Parachutes
Mar. 19: Newton's Cradles
Once a month, we turn a STEM idea into an engineering project. Projects are intended for school-aged kids and above, though younger children might be interested in participating with a grown-up. Munchies provided.

Yoga Kids Storytime
Ages 3-7
Saturdays, Feb. 15 and Mar. 14, 10-10:45 am
Practice breathing, relaxation, and simple yoga poses that encourage mindfulness in this librarian-lead storytime that combines yoga and books. Participants are encouraged to bring their own yoga mat.

Creative Writing Crew
Grades 3-6
Saturdays, 2-3 pm
Feb. 15: Journeys
Mar. 28: Fractured Fairy Tales
Build your creative writing skills through games and fun writing activities. **R**

Nintendo Switch Gaming
Grades K-5, 2-3 pm
Grades 6-8, 3-4 pm
Sunday, Feb. 16
Drop in for group gameplay on Nintendo's Switch gaming system during our open play sessions. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Kids Flicks: *Abominable*
Family
Monday, Feb. 17, 2-3:45 pm
Three teenagers must help a Yeti return to his family while avoiding a wealthy man and a zoologist who want him for their own needs.
(2019, PG, 1 hr 37 min)

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

LEGO Builders
Grades K-8
Mondays, Feb. 17 and Mar. 16, 6:30-7:30 pm
Open play with our massive LEGO collection. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Tween Survival Club
Grades 4-7
Wednesdays, Feb. 19, Mar. 4, and Mar. 18, 4-5 pm
A tween-only hangout with snacks, activities, and games to get you through the school week. No stress allowed.

Math Brigade
Grades K-2
Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 pm
Feb. 20: One Hundred
Mar. 12: Shaping Up
Discover math skills through active learning, then work as a team to build something amazing. **R**

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Nature Night
Grades 2-4
Mondays, Feb. 24 and Mar. 30, 6:30-7:30 pm
Explore the great outdoors from indoors with nature-inspired crafts and activities. **R**

Craftin' Around
Grades 3-8
Tuesdays, 7-8 pm
Feb. 25: Yarn Letters
Mar. 31: Crafting with Chainmail
Join us for an evening of craft-tastic fun. **R**

K-2 Craftsters
Grades K-2
Wednesdays, Feb. 26 and Mar. 25, 4:30-5:30 pm
Make a new craft project each month. Mess optional, art skills not required. **R**

Chess Academy
Grades 1-8
Thursdays, Feb. 27 and Mar. 26, 7-8 pm
Learn how to play chess with chess master Chris Christmas. All skill levels welcome.

Art Adventure
Grades 3-8
Fridays, Feb. 28 and Mar. 27, 4:30-5:30 pm
View and discuss art made by famous artists throughout history, then make an art project inspired by that artist or style.

Read to a Rainbow Dog
Grades K-8
Tuesday, Mar. 10, 7-8 pm
Practice reading to a certified therapy dog from Morton Grove's own Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Foundation. Bring what you want to read or choose from our selection of books. Sessions are offered every 20 minutes beginning at 7 pm. To register, visit the Library or call 847-929-5102. **R**

Scratch 'n' Code
Grades 3-6
Saturday, Mar. 14, 2-3 pm
Learn the basics of computer coding with Scratch 2.0 by creating simple and fun programs. Ability to work with a computer and mouse is required. **R**

Kubb!
Grades K-8
Tuesday, Mar. 24, 4:30-5:30 pm
Play chess like the Vikings! Pronounced "koob," this game involves throwing stuff and cheering. It's fun for the whole family.

Drop In & Create
All Ages
Wednesday, Mar. 25, 10 am - 12 pm
Spice things up during Spring Break by making something creative. All supplies provided.

SPRING BREAK MOVIES

Mar. 23-27, 2 pm, Family

Bring a snack and enjoy the big-screen experience at the Library! While all ages are welcome, these movies are geared toward families with children. Be aware that age-appropriate behavior and noises will occur during the movies.

Monday, Mar. 23
Storm Boy
(2019, PG, 1 hr 39 min)

Tuesday, Mar. 24
The Angry Birds Movie 2
(2019, PG, 1 hr 37 min)

Wednesday, Mar. 25
Playing with Fire
(2019, PG, 1 hr 36 min)

Thursday, Mar. 26
Dora and the Lost City of Gold
(2019, PG, 1 hr 42 min)

Friday, Mar. 27
Frozen II
(2019, PG, 1 hr 43 min)

HOMESCHOOL EVENTS

These programs are intended for homeschool families, though all are welcome to attend. For more information on homeschooling services, call the Youth Info Desk at 847-929-5102.

Book Bash
Ages 6-9
Wednesdays, Feb. 5 and Mar. 4, 2-2:30 pm
Homeschoolers are invited to join us to read and discuss a selection of this year's Monarch Award books. We will vote for our favorite nominee in the March session.

Famished for Fiction
Ages 10-13
Wednesdays, Feb. 5 and Mar. 4, 2:30-3 pm
Homeschoolers are invited to join us for a chat about new and favorite books. Pick up a copy of this year's Famished for Fiction All-School Book Discussion title at the March session to discuss at April's meeting.

Engineering Club
Ages 8-12
Wednesdays, 1:45-3 pm
Feb. 12: Parachutes
Mar. 11: Newton's Cradles
In this daytime club for homeschoolers, we turn a STEM idea into an engineering project. **R**

Folk & Fairy Tales Storytime
Age 4-7
Thursdays, Feb. 20 and Mar. 19, 2-3 pm
An entertaining storytime focused on a traditional folk or fairy tale, then all mixed up with silly, exciting, or wacky versions of the tale.

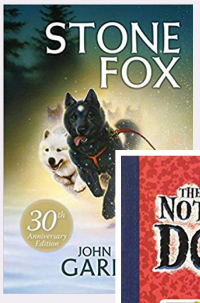
Interested in forming a Battle of the Books homeschool team?

Contact Brittany Drehobl at **bdrehobl@mgpl.org**

BATTLE of the BOOKS

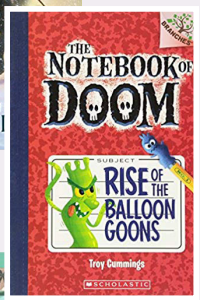
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Registration dates are listed with each book club event. Pick up your free copy of the book of the month at the Youth Info Desk after you register.



Family Reads
Grades 1-3
Read the book of the month aloud at home with your family. Then bring a grown-up with you to discuss and explore the story with a hands-on activity. **R**

Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner
Monday, Feb. 10, 6:30-7:30 pm
Reg. opens Jan. 10



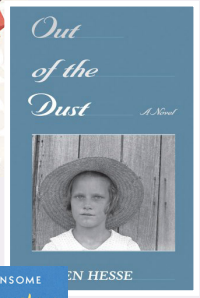
Rise of the Balloon Goons by Troy Cummings
Monday, Mar. 9, 6:30-7:30 pm
Reg. opens Feb. 9

Mother-Daughter Book Club
Bring your mother (or favorite female grown-up) with you for a lively discussion and activities connected to the book of the month. Fifth graders should choose the book club best suited for them. **R**

Grades 3-5
Front Desk by Kelly Yang
Wednesday, Feb. 5, 7-8 pm
Reg. opens Jan. 5

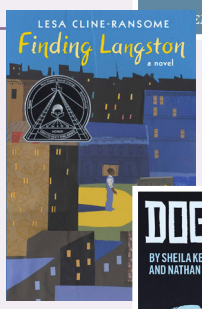
Diamond Willow by Helen Frost
Wednesday, Mar. 4, 7-8 pm
Reg. opens Feb. 4

Grades 5-7
Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga
Wednesday, Feb. 12, 7-8 pm
Reg. opens Jan. 12



Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
Thursday, Mar. 12, 7-8 pm
Reg. opens Feb. 12

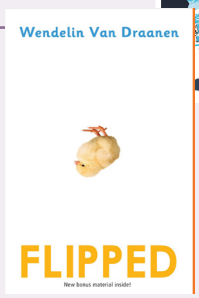
Guys Read
Grades 4-6
Bring your favorite grown-up for discussion, snacks, and activities featuring the book of the month. **R**



Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome
Tuesday, Feb. 18, 7-8 pm
Reg. opens Jan. 15

Dogs of War by Sheila Keenan
Tuesday, Mar. 17, 7-8 pm
Reg. opens Feb. 15

Books and Beyond
Grades 6-8
In this book club, participants read the book and then come to the Library to discuss, eat pizza, and watch the movie based on the book. **R**



Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen
Wednesday, Mar. 25, 6-8 pm
Reg. opens Feb. 15

MORE EVENTS FOR GRADES 7-8

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Magic the Gathering Open Play

Grades 6-12

Wednesdays, Feb. 5 and Mar. 4, 6-8 pm

Bring your deck or use ours and duel with other Magic enthusiasts in the world's #1 tabletop fantasy card game. If you don't know how to play, we'll show you and send you home with a free starter deck. R

Dungeons & Dragons

Grades 6-12

Sundays, Feb. 2 and Mar. 15, 1:30-4:30 pm

Travel into the unknown and quest together in the world of Dungeons & Dragons. R

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Grades 5-12

Saturday, Feb. 15, 1-4 pm

The tournament is back! Pick your favorite character as you battle friend and foe to be crowned tournament champion. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers. R

What's New

What's New in YA Literature

Grades 7-12

Thursday, Feb. 20, 7-8 pm

Hang out, eat some pizza, and learn about new Young Adult books coming out in early 2020. R

MORE THAN A MONTH

Celebrating Black history, culture, and heritage —

Special Documentary Showing: *More Than A Month*

Sunday, Feb. 2, 2-3 pm

Shukree Hassan Tilghman, a young African American filmmaker, sets out on a cross-country campaign to end Black History Month. Through this thoughtful and humorous journey, he explores what the treatment of history tells us about race and equality in a "post-racial" America. (2012, NR, 1 hr)

Book Talk: Black History Month

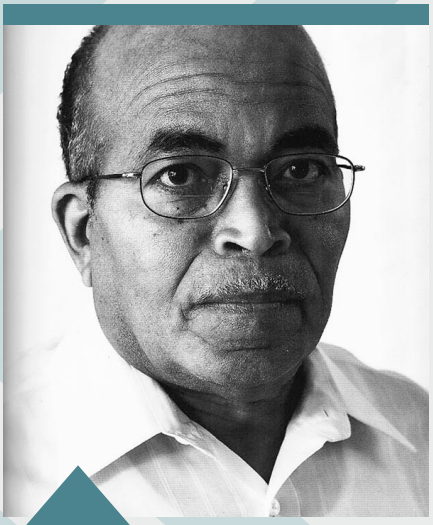
Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1-2 pm

Celebrate Black History Month with a selection of books highlighting the history and achievements of African Americans.

Our ESL Book Reading and Discussion Group

will be reading and discussing *Here in Harlem: Poems in Many Voices* by Walter Dean Myers. Details on page 15.

Presentation:
Black Classical Composers
Saturday, Feb. 8, 2-3 pm
African Diaspora cultural historian Carolyn Armenta Davis discusses seven Black composers of symphonies, operas, concertos, and other creations spanning 200 years of musical history. Hear parts of symphonies from Le Chevalier de Saint-Georges in 1770s Paris to William Grant Still in 1970s Los Angeles.



Meet the Author:
Thomas Armstrong
Saturday, Feb. 22, 2-3 pm
Author Thomas Armstrong discusses his book *Autobiography of a Freedom Rider: My Life as a Foot Soldier for Civil Rights* and his life as a Freedom Rider during the early 1960s in a racially torn Mississippi.

Concert:
The McNary Experience Presents: A Tribute to Aretha Franklin
Sunday, Feb. 16, 2-3 pm
Take an exciting journey through the music of the Queen of Soul.

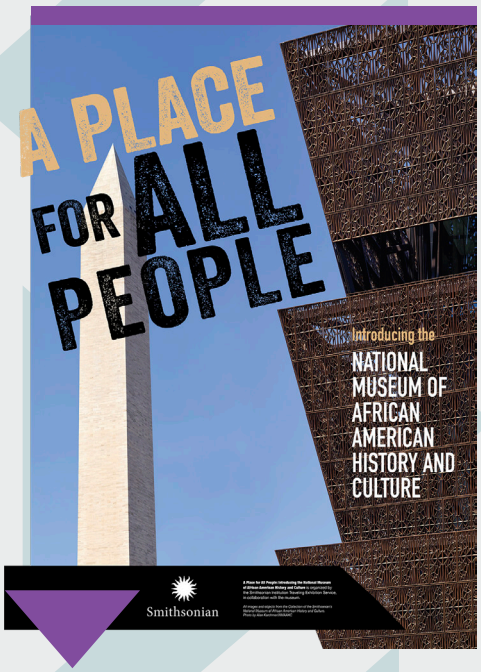
- not just in February but all year round

Movie: *Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am*
Sunday, Feb. 23, 2-4 pm
This artful and intimate meditation on the legendary storyteller examining her life, her works, and the powerful themes she has confronted throughout her literary career. (2019, PG-13, 2 hr)

Traveling While Black
Wednesday, Mar. 4, 2-4 pm
Thursday, Mar. 5, 6:30-8:30 pm
Traveling While Black is a cinematic Virtual Reality (VR) experience that immerses the viewer in the long history of restriction of movement for Black Americans. Experience it on the Oculus Quest and stay for a discussion on how the subject matter and format align to offer unique insight about race in America. **R**

Presentation: North of Chicago
Sunday, Mar. 22, 2-3 pm
Morris "Dino" Robinson, founder of the Shorefront Legacy Center, discusses the early history of Black communities in Chicago's suburban North Shore.

Movie: *A Ballerina's Tale*
Tuesday, Mar. 31, 11:30 am - 1 pm
A documentary on African American ballerina Misty Copeland that examines her prodigious rise and her potentially career ending injury, alongside themes of race and body image in the elite ballet world. Cast: Misty Copeland, Deirdre Kelly. (2015, NR, 1 hr 25 min)



A PLACE FOR ALL PEOPLE
Poster Exhibition

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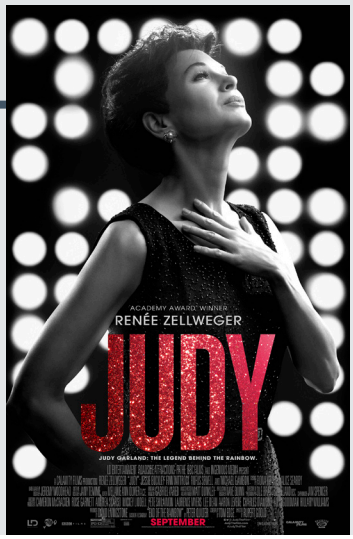
MGPL After Dark



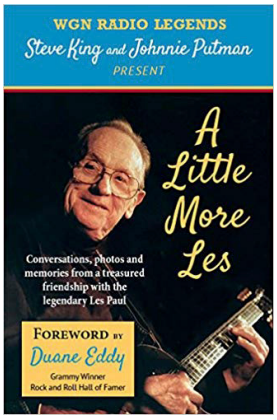
Oscars Prediction Contest Wrap-Up & Movie

Friday, Feb. 7, 7-9 pm
Enjoy free popcorn and refreshments while watching a great movie on the big screen. Come early to fill out an Oscars prediction ballot for a chance to win a Movie Lovers Prize Pack.

Judy
Legendary performer Judy Garland arrives in London in the winter of 1968 to perform a series of sold-out concerts. Behind the scenes, her tumultuous life continues, battling with her manager and her ex-husband. Cast: Renée Zellweger, Rufus Sewell. (2019, PG-13, 2 hr)

Meet the Mayor
Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2-3 pm
Mayor of Morton Grove Dan DiMaria discusses the Village's current projects and answers your questions and concerns.

Power Edge Employment Workshop
Thursday, Mar. 12, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Employment coaches from Illinois workNet discuss resumes, cover letters, online job applications, and interviewing to help you on your job search. **R**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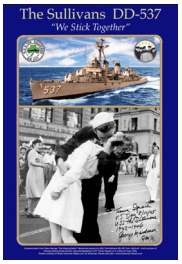
FOREWORD BY
Duane Eddy
Grammy Winner
Rock and Roll Hall of Famer

Presentation: A Little More Les
Sunday, Mar. 15, 2-3 pm
WGN Radio legends Johnnie Putman and Steve King share conversations, photos, and memories from their treasured 18-year friendship with guitarist Les Paul. Co-sponsored by the Morton Grove Historical Society.

Storytelling @ MGPL: 80 Minutes Around the World

Sunday, Mar. 8, 2 pm
Nestor "The Boss" Gomez leads a storytelling journey through his childhood in Guatemala, his undocumented journey to the United States, and several experiences as an immigrant living in Chicago.

Presentation: The Five Sullivan Brothers and the Kissing Sailor



Tuesday, Feb. 4, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Hal Burke, president of Victory & Valor Memories, talks about the historical connection between the five Sullivan Brothers and Alfred Eisenstaedt's iconic Life magazine photograph of "The Kissing Sailor" in New York's Times Square on V-J Day (August 14, 1945).

Arsenic and Old Lace
Tuesday, Feb. 11, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
A drama critic learns on his wedding day that his beloved maiden aunts are homicidal maniacs, and that insanity runs in his family. Cast: Cary Grant, Priscilla Lane. (1944, NR, 1 hr 58 min)

Antarctica: A Year on Ice
Tuesday, Feb. 18, 11:30 am - 1 pm
A visually stunning chronicle of what it is like to live in Antarctica for a full year. Cast: Anthony Powell, Genevieve Bachman. (2013, PG, 1 hr 31 min)

Blinded by the Light
Tuesday, Feb. 25, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
In 1980s England, a teenager from an Asian family learns to live his life and find his own voice through the music of American rock star Bruce Springsteen. Cast: Billy Barratt, Ronak Singh. (2019, PG-13, 1 hr 58 min)

For more movies, see page 14.

The Goldfinch
Tuesday, Mar. 3, 11:30 am - 2 pm
A boy in New York is taken in by a wealthy Upper East Side family after his mother is killed in a bombing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Cast: Oakes Fegley, Ansel Elgort, Nicole Kidman. (2019, PG-13, 2 hr 29 min)

Pavarotti
Tuesday, Mar. 10, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
A documentary featuring the life and work of opera legend Luciano Pavarotti. Directed by Ron Howard. (2019, PG-13, 1 hr 54 min)

Where'd You Go, Bernadette
Tuesday, Mar. 17, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
A loving mom becomes compelled to reconnect with her creative passions after years of sacrificing herself for her family. Cast: Cate Blanchett, Billy Crudup, Kristen Wiig. (2019, PG-13, 1 hr 49 min)

The Command
Tuesday, Mar. 24, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
As sailors on the K-141 Kursk submarine fight for survival, their families desperately battle political obstacles and impossible odds to save them. Cast: Matthias Schoenaerts, Léa Seydoux, Colin Firth. (2018, PG-13, 1 hr 57 min)

A Ballerina's Tale
Tuesday, Mar. 31, 11:30 am - 1 pm
A documentary on African American ballerina Misty Copeland that examines her prodigious rise and her potentially career ending injury, alongside themes of race and body image in the elite ballet world. Cast: Misty Copeland, Deirdre Kelly. (2015, NR, 1 hr 25 min)

HEALTHY LIVING

To better serve our community's consumer health needs, we are offering a series of programs devoted to healthy living.

Introduction to Meditation
Saturday, Feb. 1, 10-11 am
Cher Walter leads a beginner-friendly introductory guided meditation for all levels. Wear comfortable clothes. **R**

Chair Yoga
Fridays, Feb. 7, Feb. 21, Mar. 6, and Mar. 20, 10-11 am
Practice seated and standing poses in one of the gentlest forms of yoga available, led by certified yoga instructor Cher Walter. All experience levels welcome. All equipment provided. Wear comfortable clothes. **R**

Creative Coloring for Adults
Saturday, Mar. 7, 2-3:30 pm
Tap into your creativity and relieve stress in this coloring program just for adults. Coloring pages, markers, and colored pencils provided. **R**

Practicing Mindfulness
Saturday, Mar. 14, 2-3 pm
Learn the tools you need for mindfulness-based stress reduction, meditation, and standing yoga from certified mindfulness instructor Dr. Claire Seryak. All experience levels welcome. All equipment provided. Wear comfortable clothes. **R**

ADULTS

R = Registration is required

Knitting Roundtable
Mondays, 1:30-4 pm
Expert knitter and library volunteer Ronnie Rund teaches how to knit or solve knitting challenges. Bring your current knitting project(s) and needles.

Crafting for Charity
Saturdays, Feb. 8, Feb. 22, Mar. 14, and Mar. 28, 9:30-11:30 am
Create handmade knitted and crocheted crafts for local organizations. Please bring your needles, hooks, and some acrylic yarn.

Scrabble for Adults
Wednesdays, Feb. 19 and Mar. 18, 2-4 pm
Exercise your brain and enjoy friendly games of Scrabble with other word-lovers.

Watercolor Painting Workshop
Saturday, Feb. 29, 10 am - 12 pm
Create a small watercolor painting from a still life in this workshop led by local artist, poet, writer, and teacher Michelle Kogan. Learn techniques like washes, wet-in-wet, dry brush, and glazing. Materials will be provided, but you can also bring your own watercolor materials and a sketchbook if you have them. **R**

MOVIES

HOT TICKET

Peanut Butter Falcon
Thursday, Feb. 20, 2 & 6:30 pm
A young man with Down syndrome runs away from the nursing home where he lives to chase his dream of becoming a professional wrestler. Cast: Shia LaBeouf, Zack Gottsagen. (2019, PG-13, 1 hr 40 min)

A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood
Thursday, Mar. 19, 2 & 6:30 pm
A timely story of kindness triumphing over cynicism, based on the true story of a real-life friendship between Fred Rogers and journalist Tom Junod. Cast: Tom Hanks, Matthew Rhys. (2019, PG, 1 hr 50 min)

SILVER SCREEN SERIES

Indiscreet
Friday, Feb. 7, 2-3:30 pm
An actress who has given up on love meets a suave banker and begins a flirtation with him, even though he's already married. Cast: Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman. (1958, NR, 1 hr 30 min)

The Man with the Golden Arm
Friday, Mar. 6, 2-4 pm
Frankie Machine is a skilled card dealer and one-time heroin addict. When he returns home from jail, he struggles to find a new livelihood and to avoid slipping back into addiction. Cast: Frank Sinatra, Kim Novak. (1955, NR, 2 hr)

CRITICS' CHOICE CINEMA

Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am
Sunday, Feb. 23, 2-4 pm
This artful and intimate meditation on the legendary storyteller examining her life, her works, and the powerful themes she has confronted throughout her literary career. (2019, PG-13, 2 hr)

Long Day's Journey into Night
Sunday, Mar. 29, 2-4:30 pm
Luo Hongwu returns to his hometown of Kaili after being away for a long time. Almost immediately, he begins the search for the woman he loved and whom he has never been able to forget. (2019, NR, Mandarin w/ English subtitles, 2 hr 20 min)

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Introduction to Excel 2019
Saturday, Feb. 1, 10-11:30 am
Learn how to navigate around a spreadsheet and enter/edit data. **R**

Do More with Excel 2019
Saturday, Mar. 21, 10-11:30 am
Use simple formulas and functions and create tables to sort and filter data. **R**

Introduction to Word 2019
Saturday, Mar. 7, 10-11:30 am
Learn how to create, format, and save documents. **R**

Windows 10 Basics
Tuesday, Mar. 10, 7-8:30 pm
Familiarize yourself with Microsoft's latest operating system. **R**

BOOK A LIBRARIAN

Morton Grove cardholders can schedule an appointment for one-on-one technology training or genealogy research assistance with a librarian.

To schedule an appointment, call the Info Desk at 847-929-5101 or fill out a request at mgpl.org/book-a-librarian

ESL BOOK READING AND DISCUSSION GROUP

ESL Book Reading and Discussion Group
Thursdays, Feb. 6, Feb. 13, Feb. 20, and Feb. 27, 2-3:30 pm
Practice your English conversation and reading skills while expanding your vocabulary as we read and discuss selected poems from *Here in Harlem: Poems in Many Voices* by Walter Dean Myers.

This program is most suitable for Adult ESL intermediate level speakers. Copies of the book will be available at the first meeting on February 6. **R**

BOOK TALKS

Join us at the Library for our monthly book talk.

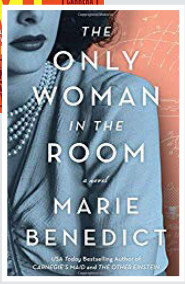
Black History Month
Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1-2 pm
Celebrate Black History Month with a selection of books highlighting the history and achievements of African Americans. Part of MGPL's More Than A Month series. See pages 10-11 for details.

Women's History Month
Wednesday, Mar. 4, 1-2 pm
2020 is the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. We're celebrating with a selection of fiction and nonfiction titles featuring women and their achievements.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Between the Lines meets at MGPL at two different times.

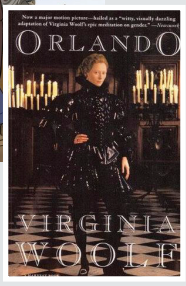
American Like Me
by America Ferrera
Thursday, Feb. 20, 10-11 am
Tuesday, Feb. 25, 7-8 pm



The Only Woman in the Room
by Marie Benedict
Thursday, Mar. 26, 10-11 am
Tuesday, Mar. 31, 7-8 pm

LitLounge meets in Village Inn Pizzeria at 8050 Lincoln Ave., in Skokie.

They Called Us Enemy
by George Takei
Wednesday, Feb. 12, 7:30-8:30 pm



Orlando
by Virginia Woolf
Wednesday, Mar. 11, 7:30-8:30 pm

Meet the Author:
Thomas Armstrong
Saturday, Feb. 22, 2-3 pm
Author Thomas Armstrong discusses his book *Autobiography of a Freedom Rider: My Life as a Foot Soldier for Civil Rights* and his life as a Freedom Rider during the early 1960s in a racially torn Mississippi. Part of MGPL's More Than A Month series. See pages 10-11 for details.

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Classes, programs, and films are subject to change and may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Please call the Library at 847-929-5101 (for adult and teen programs) or 847-929-5102 (for children's programs) to confirm scheduled events.

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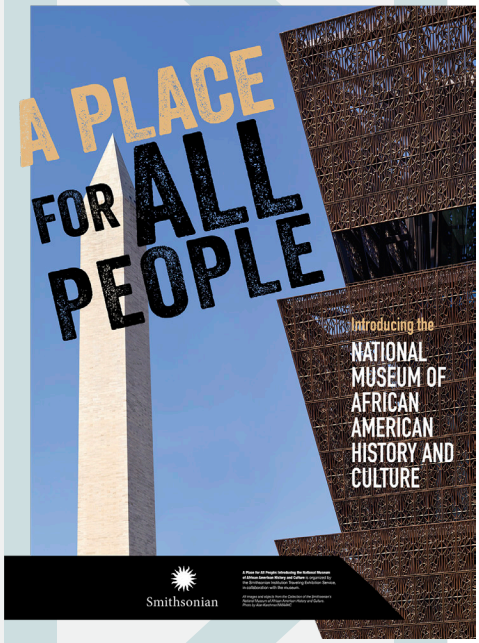
MORE THAN A MONTH

Celebrating Black history, culture, and heritage – not just in February but all year round

For a list of events, see pages 10-11.

The poster exhibition "A Place for All People: Introducing the National Museum of African American History and Culture" is coming to MGPL! The exhibit celebrates the opening of the Smithsonian's newest museum in 2016, which highlights key artifacts that tell the rich and diverse story of the African American experience.

The exhibit will be on display in the Baxter Auditorium from February 1 to March 31, 2020. Since regularly scheduled Library programs take place in the Baxter Auditorium, please call the Library at 847-929-5101 or check the calendar online at calendar.mgpl.org before you visit to make sure the exhibit is available for viewing.



"A Place for All People" is organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) in collaboration with the museum.